

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on November 13, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, Adam Thomas, and Santana Fryer.

Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr. and Councilman Pat Williams were excused.

Other city officials present were: Reid Lovett, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; David Gore, Special Projects Manager; Dale Sapp, Public Works Director; and Lt. Tonya Carter.

Noah Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Adam Gruber and Byron Stanley were present.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 23, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of November 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore welcomed the Junior Statesmen and their sponsor/teacher Mr. David Williams to the meeting. City Manager Lovett explained the function of the organization as Mr. Williams concurred. Present were: Aizhia Poblete, Abbie Morris, Triston Wilkerson and Cait Fowler.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Eddie Joe Newkirk, located at 133 Poor Robin Road, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-12) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston approved the application to sell (Package Distilled Spirits) at Hardware Pizza LLC., dba/ Hardware 3 Forty-One Grill, located at 118 Azalea Road Suite 6, owned by Byron Stanley. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and was passed by three to two votes. Those voting in favor: Mayor Varnadore, Livingston and Fryer. Those opposing were Bass and Thomas.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to set a public hearing date on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments on a petition for annexation filed by Nariel Roblero Berduo, located at 100 Bell Drive, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #2. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to re-appoint Mrs. Alberta King to the Library Board for a four year term ending 12/31/2019. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to table nominating a replacement for Vicky Escalante to the Library Board for a four term ends 12/31/2019 until the next regular council meeting of November 27, 2019. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to approve an emergency quote from L & T, Inc. for \$8,710.45 to repair the AV gas tank at the airport for water removal, pressure test and vacuum test. Manager Lovett noted that at the present time we are not selling any fuel. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to accept the City Manager's recommendation to Nixon Power services in the amount of \$5,287.05 for a generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to accept Dale Sapp, Public Works Director, recommendation to award the low bid to USA Bluebook for \$4,564.85 for three (3) sets of digital dual-cylinder chlorine platform scales, which is a budgeted item. The responding firms were:

USA Bluebook	\$4,563.85
Chlorinator Incorporated	\$5,706.00
H2O Techs LLC	\$5,420.70

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to increase the City's Annual Christmas Bonus:

Full Time	From	\$200.00	To	\$300.00
Part Time	From	\$100.00	To	\$200.00

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore announced he spoke at the 24/7 House on Nov. 5, 2019
2. Mayor Varnadore congratulated the city's office staff for collecting 285 pounds of food to the local food bank.

City's Manager Report

1. City Manager Lovett reported that in collaboration with the Chamber, the County, the City and the other entities in the community, the Hot Air Balloon Festival was conducted November 8 & 9 and He was happy to report it was a success and that he was pleased to see the participation from our community.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore declared the meeting adjourned.

City Clerk

